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| CG T-4 PCI [REDACTED] | 4/10 and 4/16/64 | JOHN W. PARISH |
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA JOHN H. WILMES
Date: 7/28/64
Field Office File No.: CG 92-1039

Office: Chicago

Bureau File No.: 92-5794

Title: LOUIS ARGER

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

LOUIS ARGER resides at 6128 North Keating, Chicago, Illinois. ARGER was confined to the American Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, after a heart attack in April, 1964. Since release from hospital, ARGER is reported to be in poor health. Matter regarding ARGER's citizenship to be presented to USA Chicago for proceeding against ARGER. Associates of ARGER involved in altercation near "Chez Dot" in Chicago during which a cab driver lost an eye. Incident fixed with payoff. Club Rouge, 56 West Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, closed by order of Mayor DALEY and attempt to re-open Crossroads Restaurant, 400 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, blocked.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On June 29, 1964, LOUIS ARGER was observed to maintain his residence at 6128 North Keating in Chicago, Illinois. His residence has a fenced in area adjacent to a garage which contains lawn furniture and which is used as a sunning area for recuperative purposes after his frequent heart attacks.

Status of Health

On April 21, 1964, a spot surveillance was conducted at 6128 North Keating in Chicago. The subject's wife and a young girl were observed to leave the residence in a 1963 Oldsmobile 98 convertible with 1964 Illinois License [REDACTED]. This automobile had a Mars sticker on the rear of it. The car was driven via Edens Expressway and Irving Park Road, to the American Hospital, located at North Fremont and Irving Park Road. The occupants entered the hospital. Also observed in front of the hospital was a 1962 Pontiac convertible with 1964 Illinois License [REDACTED] which has previously been observed transporting ARGER from his residence to the Crossroads Restaurant at 400 South State Street.

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On April 22, 1964, [REDACTED] American Hospital, 850 Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois, advised that LOUIS ARGER was confined to the American Hospital on April 1, 1964, with a myocardial infarction. [REDACTED] stated that ARGER was due to be released from the hospital on the 23rd or 24th of April.

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CG T-1 advised in April, 1964, that LOUIS ARGER was confined in Room 411 at the American Hospital where he was treated by a [REDACTED] is also the doctor of GUS ALEX, Chicago hoodlum, who is supposedly a cousin of LOUIS ARGER. T-1 advised that ARGER is reportedly a very sick man with a bad heart condition. The physical breakdown of ARGER was aggravated by subpoenas and newspaper notoriety linking him with GUS ALEX.

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Automobiles Used by the Subject

Records of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Springfield, Illinois, indicated in April, 1964, that 1964 Illinois License LG 3700 is registered to MARION ARGER, 6128 North Keating, for a Pontiac.

On March 9, 1964, a 1962 Pontiac, convertible, with 1964 Illinois License [redacted] was observed to pick up ARGER at his residence, 6128 North Keating, Chicago, and transport him to the Crossroads Restaurant, 400 South State Street in Chicago. Records of the Division of Motor Vehicles indicate that the above license is registered to [redacted]
[redacted]

Citizenship Status

On April 27, 1964, CG T-2 advised that the matter of the violation concerning LOUIS ARGER's acquisition of citizenship was to be presented to the United States Attorney in Chicago for proceeding against ARGER. This matter is to be handled by an attorney of Immigration and Naturalization Service in Chicago.

II. ASSOCIATES

On March 11, 1964, a 1964 Chevrolet with 1964 Ill-^{b6}
inois License [redacted] ^{b7C} drove up to ARGER's residence at 6128 North Keating in Chicago and a white male, approximately 45 years of age, entered ARGER's residence. It was subsequently determined that 1964 license [redacted] is registered to [redacted]

C. APPROX.

CG T-3 advised in April, 1964, that several months ago, two associates of LOUIS ARGER, [redacted] were involved in an incident which happened in front of the "Chez Dot." The above-mentioned individuals tried to make a cab driver, who was waiting in front of the "Chez Dot" with a prostitute, move the cab. When he refused, [redacted] hit the cab driver with a lead pipe, knocking out one of his eyes. The investigation of this incident by the Chicago Police Department at the insistence of the NAACP was eventually quieted through payoff. [redacted] has reportedly been a slugger and enforcer for LOUIS ARGER for many years. The only arrest made in connection with this incident was the arrest of the prostitute, who was brought to the "Chez Dot" by the cab driver.

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III. ACTIVITIES

CG T-4 advised in April, 1964, that LOUIS ARGER has seldom been seen on State Street since the crack down by Chicago Police on his strip joints, brought about by newspaper publicity. T-4 said ARGER is very much afraid of publicity that would result if he were arrested in a raid on

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one of the strip joints. ARGER has been criticized by GUS ALEX for allowing himself to be in a position where he could be picked up on raids in the past.

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CG T-5 advised in April, 1964, that the Crossroads Restaurant building is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CG T-5 stated that LOUIS ARGER's enterprise, the Paradise Arcade, the Super Arcade and the Star and Garter, are the buildings that are [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]